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SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER: காலஞ் சென்ற பன்னீர் செல்வத்திற்கு எத்தனை புத்திரர்கள், அவர்கள் என்ன படித்திருக்கிறார்கள், எங்கே படித்தார்கள். அவர்கள் என்ன செய்கிறார்கள், என்பதையெல்லாம் அறிவிக்க முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: ஒருவர் இஞ்சினியராக இருக்கிறார். மற்றப்படி எவ்வளவு குழந்தைகள் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியாது.

State Functions

*890 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the procedure adopted in inviting guests to participate in State Functions during the visits of Foreign Guests ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Lists of invitees to State functions arranged in connection with visits of V.I.Ps. are drawn up to suit each occasion taking into account the nature of the function, the time and space available, the order of Precedence and the Protocol requirements.

*902 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for not inviting the Members of the Legislature for *State Function* in connection with the visit of the President of the United Arab Republic; and

(*b*) whether is is a fact that Members of Parliament were given preference in that function ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) To the Ceremonial reception at the Meenambakkam aerodrome at the time of arrival of His Excellency the President of the United Arab Republic both the Members of Parliament and Members of the State Legislature representing City Constituencies were invited. The invitations to the Governor's Dinner had to be restricted to a smaller number. Therefore the Members of Parliament, who were in the City and the five leaders of the Opposition parties in the Assembly were invited.

(*b*) Members of Parliament have been assigned rank higher than the Members of State Legislature in the Order of Precedence by the Government of India themselves. Members of the State Legislature are given courtesy rank after the Parliament Members by the State Government.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: May I know whether the M.Ps. of the State have been invited for the State Function held during the President's visit and why M.L.As. alone were made to look inferior.

MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister has just answered that question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have already given the answer, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: If the hon. Member wants to hear the Minister again . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have just read it out, Sir.

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SRI A. A. RASHEED: After all this is a State Function. Should not the M.L.As. also get preference or at least equal preference with the M.Ps.? Why should the M.L.As. be given this inferior status compared to that of the M.Ps. especially in a State Function?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not a question of giving inferior status to anybody. Parliament members will have to be given their due status. After that we give to ourselves our status. The difficulty about this questions is if all the Members are invited, the formality is all the invitees should be introduced to the visiting dignitary. We have about 205 members here and about 65 in the Council. In all we have 270 members and even if 200 of them attend, I do not think the visiting foreign dignitary will find it convenient to get introduced to all members and shake hands with them.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is the Hon. Minister aware that some of the resident M.L.As. in the City of Madras have not been invited to the Airport when the President arrived in Madras. Why was that distinction made even among resident Members of the City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I think there is a distinction between members residing at Madras and members representing constituencies in Madras City. We cannot find out really who will be residing at Madras at the time foreign dignitaries visit Madras. We can only go by the constituency they represent.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member made a reference to the Speaker. What is it? The hon. Member was referring to the Speaker, is it not?

SRI A. A. RASHEED: I did not make any reference about the Speaker. I mentioned only about, Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliyar. He does not represent any constituency in Madras and yet he has been invited?

MR. SPEAKER: Leaders of parties have been invited. He is a leader of a party and therefore he was invited.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY: சென்னையில் அந்த பிராந்தியத்தின் பிரதிநிதிகளுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டதாகச் சொன்னார். வெளியூரிலிருந்து சென்னையில் வந்து குடியேறியிருக்கிற ஸ்ரீ ரஷீத்தைப் போன்றவர்களுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER: அதுதான் இல்லை என்று பதில் சொன்னாரே.

Somaseela Project

*891 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a statement by Mr. A. C. Subba Reddi, Andhra Minister for Industries and Municipal Administration, that the water problem in Madras City could be solved on a permanent basis if the Madras-Andhra Government jointly sponsored the Somaseela Project, the cost being shared equally by the Governments?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration.